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#### *College of Mount Saint Vincent 2009 Lecture Series*

In honor of the *Seton Legacy Celebration, 1809-2009*, the College of Mount Saint Vincent and the Sisters of Charity of New York are cosponsoring a 2009 lecture series titled, *Sisters of Charity: 200 Years and Beyond*. Noted historians and theologians will recount the contributions made – and the challenges faced – by the Sisters and their lay colleagues in four areas:

1. **Vincentian Lay Spirituality:** The annual Ash Wednesday lecture on February 25<sup>th</sup> featured Zeni Fox, Ph.D., distinguished CMSV alumna and the 2003 “Ad Laudem Dei” honoree. She spoke on the spirituality of St. Vincent de Paul which inspired Mother Seton.
2. **Sisters of Charity and Education:** On Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Msgr. Thomas J. Shelley, Ph.D., spoke about the Sisters’ unmatched achievements in establishing schools in the Archdiocese of New York and beyond. Msgr. Shelley is Professor of Historical Theology at Fordham University (Bronx). His most recent book is *The Archdiocese of New York: the Bicentennial History, 1808-2008*.
3. **Sisters of Charity and Healthcare:** The Wednesday, October 7, lecture will feature Bernadette McCauley, Ph.D., author of *Who Shall Take Care of Our Sick?: Roman Catholic Sisters and the Development of Catholic Hospitals in New York City*, Associate Professor of History at Hunter College (CUNY).
4. **Sisters of Charity and Social Welfare:** The Monday, November 9, lecture features Maureen Fitzgerald, Ph.D., author of *Habits of Compassion: Irish Catholic Nuns and the Origins of New York’s Welfare System, 1830-1920*, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and American Studies and Director of the American Studies program at the College of William & Mary.

All lectures will be held at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, 6301 Riverdale Avenue, in the Bronx, New York, at 7 pm. For more information, contact Karen Ford at (718) 405-3345. The College is planning to have video of the lectures available on their website: [www.mountsaintvincent.edu](http://www.mountsaintvincent.edu).

#### *DePaul University’s Vincentian Archives now Available On-Line*

DePaul University is making its vast international collection of texts relating to the life and work of Saint Vincent de Paul available through a new

on-line digital repository, titled *Via Sapientiae*. The collection can be accessed at <http://via.library.depaul.edu>.

Said the Rev. Edward R. Udovic, C.M., Ph.D., DePaul's senior executive for university mission and vice president for teaching and learning resources, "As the global community confronts the challenge of stepping up efforts to assist the poor, and address the systematic causes of poverty and injustice it is an opportune time to broaden the reach of DePaul's unique and comprehensive collections on St. Vincent de Paul — a man whose name is synonymous with the mission of assisting the impoverished."

Debuting with more than 20,000 pages of text, the initial content areas on the site are from the university's extensive Vincentian collections, the most comprehensive in the world, reflecting DePaul's role as one of the premier international sites for Vincentian studies. The site's content will expand exponentially over the next several years as tens of thousands of additional pages are uploaded, and hundreds of thousands more pages of Vincentian texts in numerous languages are continually added.

"The internet will allow us to share the wisdom and inspiration of St. Vincent and the Vincentian tradition around the world," said Udovic. "This tool will afford everyone unprecedented access to formative Vincentian documentary, spiritual and historical texts not just for scholarly research, but for insights on how to meet the challenges of effectively serving the poor in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in keeping with the Vincentian mission."

The Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., Ed.D., president of DePaul, applauded the new Web-based resource, noting, "DePaul University is uniquely qualified and equipped to play a leading role in Vincentian historical, spiritual and service research. The new digital repository will enable us to provide a signal service to Vincentian communities and institutions worldwide."

Institutional repositories bring together all of a university's unique library research and scholarly resources under one umbrella in an effort to provide wide exposure and access to these materials. The *Via Sapientiae* digital repository will eventually include materials from throughout DePaul University including technical reports, university publications, faculty research, dissertations, archives, and special collections.

Established in 1898, DePaul University is the nation's largest Catholic university, whose nine colleges and schools serve more than 24,300 students on six campuses in the Chicago metropolitan area.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

John R. Dichtl, *Frontiers of Faith: Bringing Catholicism to the West in the Early Republic* (The University Press of Kentucky: Lexington, 2008), 240 pp.

From the book jacket: American religious histories have often focused on the poisoned relations between Catholics and Protestants during the colonial period or on the virulent anti-Catholicism and nativism of the mid- to late nineteenth century. Between these periods, however, lies an important era of close, peaceable, and significant interaction between these discordant factions.

*Frontiers of Faith: Bringing Catholicism to the West in the Early Republic* examines how Catholics in the early nineteenth-century Ohio Valley expanded their church and strengthened their connections to Rome alongside the rapid development of the Protestant Second Great Awakening. In competition with clergy of evangelical Protestant denominations, priests and bishops industriously established congregations, constructed church buildings, ministered to the faithful, and sought converts. Catholic clergy also displayed the distinctive features of Catholicism that would inspire Catholics and, hopefully, impress others. The clerics' optimism grew from the opportunities presented by the western frontier and the presence of non-Catholic neighbors.

The fruit of these efforts was a European church translated to the American West. In spite of the relative harmony with Protestants and pressures to Americanize, Catholics relied on standard techniques of establishing the authority, institutions, and activities of their faith. By the time Protestant denominations began to resent the Catholic presence in the 1830s, they also had reason to resent Catholic successes – and the many manifestations of that success – in conveying the faith to others.

Using extensive correspondence, reports, diaries, court documents, apologetical works, and other records of the Catholic clergy, John R. Dichtl shows how Catholic leadership successfully pursued strategies of growth in frontier regions while continually weighing major decisions against what is perceived to be Protestant opinion. *Frontiers of Faith* helps restore Catholicism to the story of religious development in the early republic and emphasizes the importance of clerical and lay efforts to make sacred the landscape of the New West.

Vincent J. Pitts, *Henry IV of France: His Reign and His Age* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009), 477 pp.

From the dustjacket: Vincent J. Pitts chronicles the life and times of one

of France's most remarkable kings in the first English-language biography of Henri IV to be published in twenty-five years. An unwelcome heir to the throne, Henri ruled over a kingdom plagued by religious civil war and political and economic instability. By the end of his reign in 1610 he had pacified his warring country, restored its prosperity, and reclaimed France's place as a leading power in Europe. Pitts draws upon the rich scholarship of recent decades to tell the captivating story of this pivotal French king.

From boyhood, Henri seemed destined to be leader and protector of the Huguenot movement in France. He served as chief of the Calvinist party and fought for the Huguenot forces in the bloody Wars of Religion before an extraordinary sequence of dynastic mishaps left the Protestant warlord next in line for the French crown. Henri was forced to renounce his faith in support of his claim to the Catholic throne and to unite his deeply divided country. A master of political maneuvering, Henri restored order to a country in the throes of great religious, political, and economic upheaval. He was assassinated in 1610 by a Catholic zealot.

Vincent Pitts expertly recounts this history and skillfully untangles its complex set of personalities and events. Pitts engages the vast amount of literature relating to the king himself as well as the large body of recent scholarship on France during this time. The result is a fascinating biography of a French king and a comprehensive history of sixteenth-century France.

Patricia H. Werhane, Scott P. Kelley, Laura P. Hartman and Dennis J. Moberg, *Alleviating Poverty through Profitable Partnerships: Globalization, Markets, and Economic Well-Being* (New York: Routledge, 2009), 176 pp. ISBN: 978-0-415-80153-9.

From the publisher: In this book, the authors approach poverty alleviation from an atypical perspective. The thesis is that poverty can be reduced, if not *eradicated*, both locally and globally, but this will occur only if we change our shared narratives about global free enterprise, and only if we recalibrate our mindsets regarding how poverty issues are most effectively addressed. They argue that poverty amelioration cannot be effected by the traditional means employed during the last century — foreign aid from developed nations and/or from non-profit international organizations. Rather, the authors present evidence which demonstrates that a mindset embracing initiatives developed by global corporations in response to the poverty challenge is significantly more effective. Global companies can alleviate poverty by seizing market opportunities at the Base of the economic Pyramid (BoP) with the implementation of three key processes: moral imagination, systems thinking, and deep dialogue.

This approach to alleviating poverty offers some powerful ideas backed

by the support of some of the leading Business Ethics minds in the United States. These scholars, some of whom are on the author team, have created a book that is unique and provocative yet still ideal for courses at the undergraduate level.

## JOURNALS

*Cahiers Saint Vincent: Bulletin des Lazaristes de France*, No.203 (June 2008). Revue trimestrielle de la Congrégation de la Mission en France.

"Anne d'Autriche et Monsieur Vincent (1er partie)," by Jean-Yves Ducourneau, C.M.

*Cahiers Saint Vincent: Bulletin des Lazaristes de France*, No. 205 (Winter, December 2008). Revue trimestrielle de la Congrégation de la Mission en France.

"Le rapport de Monsieur Vincent a l'écriture sainte dans les regales communes de la Congregation de la Mission," by Bernard Koch, C.M.

*Cahiers Saint Vincent: Bulletin des Lazaristes de France*, No. 206 (Spring, March 2009). Revue trimestrielle de la Congrégation de la Mission en France.

"La mission de Folleville: quel impact?," by Bernard Koch, C.M.

"Conference sur l'esprit de la Compagnie. Par M. Almeras notre tres honore Pere, le 30 Juillet 1660." This document is a copy of an unpublished conference given by René Alméras, C.M., to the Daughters of Charity on 30 July 1660 in Paris. It was recently discovered in the manuscript collection of the Province of Toulouse which has been transferred to the archives of the mother house of the Congregation in Paris.

*Quaderni dell'Archivio Storico Arcivescovile di Fermo* (The Quarterly of the Historic Archives of the Archdiocese of Fermo [Italy]), No. 44, n.d., features the following article of interest:

Fabio G. Galeffi, Gabriele Tarsetti, "Teodorico Pedrini nei documenti degli Archivi dell'Arcidiocesi di Fermo" (Teodorico Pedrini: Documents found in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Fermo), 59-98.

The authors are also sponsors of the Centro Studi "Teodorico Pedrini":

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*Vincentiana*: This magazine of the Congregation of the Mission is published every two months by the General Curia in Rome.

Issue No. 3, May/June 2008, 52<sup>nd</sup> year, *The Persistence of the Common Rules in the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their being given to the Missionaries*, features:

Bernard Jean Koch, C.M., "The Theological Foundation of Vincentian Spirituality in the Common Rules of the Congregation of the Mission."

Erminio Antonello, C.M., "'Put on the Spirit of Jesus Christ' in the thought of Saint Vincent."

Jaime Corera Andia, C.M., "The Three Evangelical Counsels in the Common Rules."

Vicente de Dios Toribio, C.M., "Matters Concerning the Sick: Chapter VI of the Common Rules."

John E. Rybolt, C.M., "The Primitive Rules of the Congregation of the Mission."

Issue No. 4, July / August 2008, 52<sup>nd</sup> year, includes:

Guy Norman Hartcher, C.M., "Vincent de Paul: Patron and Client."

Daniel Franklin Pilario Estepa, C.M., "Vincent de Paul and the Court. Responding to the Politics of Power."

Jose Ignacio Fernances H. de Mendoza, C.M., "The Spirituality of Work according to Saint Vincent de Paul."

Issue No. 5, September/October 2008, 52<sup>nd</sup> year, includes:

Jaime Corera Andia, C.M., "Vincent de Paul: the Social Commitment of a Man of Spirit."

Andres Roman Maria Motto Gaglia, C.M., "The Relationship of Justice with Charity in Vincentian Thought."

Issue No. 6, November/December 2008, 52<sup>nd</sup> year, contains the following:

Antonio Furioli, M.C.C.J., "The Most Precious Fruit of the Missionary Apostolate of St. Justin de Jacobis. Blessed Gabra Mikael (1791-1855), a Martyr for the Faith in Abyssinia," 441-458.

Julio Suescun Olcoz, C.M., "Upright Community Living Among Ourselves. The Community in the Common Rules," 483-496.